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PREPARATIONS FOR MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

III. AGRICULTURE. THE SUCCESS OF THE MULTILATERAL TRADE
NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE JEOPARDIZED SHOULD AGRICULTURE NOT BE
SERIOUSLY NEGOTIATED. THE OBJECTIVE SHOULD BE TO FAVOR THE
EXPANSION OF TRADE IN AGRICULTURE. THE COMMUNITY SHOULD REJECT
ALL ATTACKS ON OR CRITICISMS OF THE COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY,
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ALTHOUGH IT SHOULD BE PREPARED TO HANDLE THE INSTRUMENTS OF
THE COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY SO AS TO ACHIEVE AN EXPANSION

OF AGRICULTURAL TRADE. AMONG THE MEANS TO THIS END, ONE COULD PERHAPS CONSIDER A CODE OF CONDUCT FOR EXPORT PRACTICES, OR CERTAIN COMMODITIES MIGHT BE SUBJECT TO INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS.

IV. LDCS. IT IS INSUFFICIENT MERELY TO MAKE NICE NOISES ABOUT THE LDCS PARTICULARLY SINCE SOME NEGOTIATED TARIFF REDUCTIONS WILL REDUCE THE BENEFIT TO THE LDCS OF THE GENERALIZED PREFERENCE SCHEMES. THE COMMUNITY BELIEVES THAT ALL INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES MUST APPLY GENERALIZED TARIFF PREFERENCE SCHEMES. THE COMMUNITY WELCOMES THE US INTENTION TO INCLUDE A GENERALIZED PREFERENCE SCHEME IN ITS FORTHCOMING TRADE BILL. THE COMMUNITY ITSELF SHOULD IMPROVE ITS GENERALIZED PREFERENCE SCHEME BY INCLUDING A WIDER LIST OF PRODUCTS AND ESTABLISHING MORE GENEROUS QUOTAS ON SENSITIVE PRODUCTS. THE FOOD AID PROGRAM COULD BE MADE PART OF A PROGRAM TO STABILIZE WORLD MARKETS.

V. SAFEGUARDS. ARTICLE 19 OF THE GATT SHOULD BE RETAINED AS IT STANDS, BUT IT IS NOT EASY TO APPLY ITS PROVISIONS. THEREFORE, ARTICLE 19 COULD BE SUPPLEMENTED IN SUCH A WAY AS TO MAKE SAFEGUARD MEASURES MORE FLEXIBLE AND MORE SELECTIVE BUT OPERATING ACCORDING TO STRICT INTERNATIONAL CRITERIA (END OF HANNAY DESCRIPTION OF THE PAPER).

4. HANNAY GAVE THE FOLLOWING ANSWERS TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS FROM JOURNALISTS:

THE COMMISSION'S IS NOT A DRAFT NEGOTIATING MANDATE.

- THERE IS A WORKING GROUP IN THE COMMISSION CURRENTLY DEVELOPING A LIST OF COMMUNITY NTBS.
- THE SUBJECT OF REVERSE PREFERENCES WAS NOT DISCUSSED BY THE COUNCIL THIS MORNING AND IS NOT EXPECTED TO BE PART OF THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS.
- THE QUESTION OF TRADE MEASURES JUSTIFIED BY THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS SITUATION WAS NOT MENTIONED IN THE COUNCIL DISCUSSION. GREENWALD

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